

**FIRE INSPECTOR
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **FIRE INSPECTOR** to be administered in **LAFAYETTE** on **FEBRUARY 3, 2016**, will consist of approximately **100** multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE	APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM
FIRE INSPECTION PROCEDURES Knowledge of the processes and procedures necessary to conduct fire inspections, including pre-inspection research and planning, and to inspect equipment and property used to perform fire inspection/prevention duties, including verifying that property is in working condition after repairs.	20.0%
FIRE CODES Knowledge of fire codes, of the legal authority under which the duties of code enforcement are performed, and of liabilities incurred as a result of this authority.	15.0%
FIRE HAZARDS Knowledge of the factors which constitute ordinary or special fire hazards, including materials, conditions, or negligence which may contribute to the start of a fire, or increase the extent or severity of a fire incident.	7.0%
FIRE CHEMISTRY Knowledge of the chemistry of fire, including ignition temperatures and properties of flammable and combustible materials, flame and smoke spread, and products of combustion.	5.0%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Knowledge of building constructions in order to verify conformance to fire safety codes and to identify any possible fire hazards, including building construction components installed for including building construction components installed for fire-related purposes; and building construction classification.	11.0%

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FIRE RECORDS AND REPORTS Knowledge of effective records-keeping practices, including preparation and content, and of the information gathering process and procedures for completing required reports, including completing necessary sketches and diagrams, in order to document the performance of fire inspection/prevention duties.	9.0%
FIRE PROTECTION AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS Knowledge of sprinklers and standpipe systems, water supply systems, portable fire extinguishers, and fire alarm devices and systems, including evaluation of the operational readiness of the systems, proper installation and location of system components and devices, and maintenance of systems.	7.0%
PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION Knowledge of the principles of public fire education needed to inform the public about fire safety during the performance of regular fire prevention duties.	13.0%
PUBLIC RELATIONS Knowledge of accepted public relations practices in order to interact with other agencies, and with the public in various situations.	13.0%

REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

- Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 6th ed., 1998.
- Fire and Life Safety Educator, 2nd ed., 1997.
- Essentials of Firefighting and Fire Department Operations, 5th ed., 2008.
- Fire Detection and Suppression Systems, 3rd ed., 2005.

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:

NFPA INSPECTION MANUAL, NFPA, 7th ed., 1994.

FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FIRE SERVICE, NFPA, Brannigan, Francis L., 4th ed., 2008.

NFPA #101 - Life Safety Code: NFPA, 2006 edition.

EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.

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